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NEWS ADVISORY

Spokane-area reporters and camera crews are invited next week to witness what amounts to the start of the Superfund cleanup of the Colbert Landfill.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m.
Friday, September 8

WHERE: Southeast corner
Colbert Landfill

WHO: Dean Fowler
Spokane County Utilities Department

Mike Blum
Washington Department of Ecology

Neil Thompson
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Fowler, Blum and Thompson will explain to reporters the importance of the drilling activity and how it will lead directly to the cleanup of 1,1,1-trichloroethane and other solvents that seeped from the landfill into surrounding groundwater. The drilling is to construct monitoring wells that will provide information for officials from Spokane County, Ecology and EPA on the movement of underground contamination before, during and after the cleanup.

The data from the new monitoring wells will also be used for the design of an extraction well system and a treatment plant.

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